

in a Notice of Allowance dated December 12, 2002. New claims 10-14 have been added. These new claims are fully supported in the application as originally filed (see, inter alia, page 4, lines 1-7, 13-18 and 23-26; page 5, lines 4-12; page 8, lines 21-26; and page 14, lines 14-21). Applicant submits that no new matter has been added. Consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

The newly presented claims are based on the suitability of a specific liquid crystal material in the formation of a single-crystalline film. The liquid crystal material claimed herein exhibits good or better regularity, has a smectic phase, and preferably has a symmetrical molecular structure. When the liquid crystal material has the symmetrical molecular structure, the material is not necessarily required to have the smectic phase. These features of the presently claimed invention are believed not to be suggested by the cited art, especially in light of the cited art's disclosure of a liquid crystal material having a nematic phase.

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